## Because of you,

# Grace Happens Here



#### Dear Friends

Truly, *Grace Happens Here*, and it's all because of you. The people of Grace give a lot. We give much of ourselves in a shared sense of purpose and by making a difference in the lives of others.

Because we give so much of ourselves, it's essential that we can come home to Grace to receive care and support as well. It's here at Grace that we are uplifted in worship and prayer, where we share friendships, learning, laughter, and tears.

What a joy it is to be part of this amazing community of love and care—love and care for one another and as the hands and feet of Christ here in the greater Traverse area.

By the grace of God, and with each member of Grace making a generous commitment, we will continue to share the abundance of joy we find in doing God's work. Your financial pledge will keep *Grace Happening Here*.

Yours in Christ, The Stewardship Ministry

#### Pledging Q & A

#### What is a pledge?

A pledge is a financial commitment to give a certain amount of money to support the mission and ministries of the church.

#### Why pledge?

A pledge represents a prayerful, intentional, and faithful response to God's abundant blessings. A pledge allows you to plan ahead and make conscious choices about spending that reflect your faith and values. It also represents a level of accountability to God and to your brothers and sisters in the Grace community.

### How much should I pledge?

Begin in prayer. Thank God for the many blessings in your life, and invite God into your decision-making with this question: "God, what would you have me do to support Grace Church?" Then be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide you to the best decision for you and your family.

## When do I make my pledge for 2016?

Our community will offer our pledges as an act of worship during our regular services on Celebration Weekend, November 14 and 15. If you are unable to be present, you may mail or bring your pledge to the church office.

## Pledge guidelines for a monthly amount

\$150,000 \$1	\$100,000 \$	\$80,000 \$	\$60,000 \$	\$40,000 \$	\$20,000 \$	\$10,000	Annual Income 1
\$1250	\$833	\$666	\$500	\$333	\$166	\$83	10%
\$1000	\$666	\$533	\$400	\$266	\$133	\$66	8%
\$625	\$416	\$333	\$250	\$166	\$83	\$41	5%
\$375	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50	\$25	3%

## PLEDGE FORM

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

My/our pledge to Grace church for 2016 will be a commitment of:

\$ Weekly \$ Monthly

\$ Yearly % of income

Total 2016 Pledge \$

This commitment, offered in faith, may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances

☐ I would like a book of pledge envelopes

☐ Please contact me about making a planned gift (gift of stock, real estate, bequest, vacation home, etc.)

☐ Please contact me about including Grace in my estate planning

Name(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Tel \_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_

